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USSR-POLAND: Soviet Views of Party Congress

Moscow for now is avoiding negative public comment on the results of the Polish party congress but appears to have misgivings over the unorthodoxy of some of its measures. [REDACTED]

A report on Warsaw radio implied that Politburo member Grishin, the Soviet representative to the congress, had lectured the Polish leaders in a farewell meeting on Monday, expressing hope rather than confidence that the new Central Committee would combat the crisis and strengthen the party on the basis of Marxism-Leninism. [REDACTED]

Soviet media made few changes in reporting Premier Jaruzelski's tough speech of Sunday but edited extensively party leader Kania's closing address to the congress. TASS repeated Kania's affirmations that Poland remains a firm link in the Warsaw Pact and his warning about the danger of anarchy and counterrevolution. It omitted, however, his comments about changes in the party statutes, including his assertion that the party had rebuffed efforts to alter its Marxist-Leninist character. [REDACTED]

Strikes Averted

Employees of Poland's national airlines agreed yesterday to suspend indefinitely the strike they had set for Friday. The controversy over selection of the director of the airline is not yet resolved, but the spokesman for the employees asserted that a "partial compromise" has been reached. [REDACTED]

The Baltic dockworkers' strike, which had been scheduled for tomorrow, was called off after negotiators reached a compromise with the government over a pay dispute. [REDACTED]

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